

**SUMMARY OF MEETING  
KENDALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 12  
Non-Zoning Meeting  
Kendall Branch Library  
9101 SW 97 Avenue  
January 19, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Members Present**

Jose I. Valdes, Chair  
Robert W. Wilcosky, Vice Chair  
Peggy Brodeur  
Millie Herrera  
Carla Savola

**Council Members Absent**

Douglas Krueger  
Nelson A. Varona

**Miami-Dade Team Metro Staff Present**

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary  
Suzel Cuellar, Planner

**Other Miami-Dade County Staff Present**

Carlos Heredia, Principal Planner, Fire Rescue  
Karen Leigh, Real Estate Officer, General Services Administration  
Martha Oliva, Information Technology Project Manager, Enterprise Technology Service Department (ETSD)  
Felix Perez, Enterprise Technology Services Department

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL  
AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Valdes called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Minnis called roll and all members were present except for Council Members Krueger and Varona.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda of January 19, 2005 was forwarded by Vice Chair Wilcosky and seconded by Council Member Savola. The agenda was approved as distributed by a vote of 4 to 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2004, with corrections, was forwarded by Council Member Wilcosky and seconded by Council Member Herrera. The minutes were approved with various corrections. The minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Regional Coordinator, Team Metro Kendall provided a short presentation on her background experience to the Council and distributed Team Metro "Welcome Packets" to each member with various fact cards and brochures on the services provided by the Department. The Enterprise Community Center calendar for February 2005 was distributed to each member, as well as to the citizens in attendance.

Ms. Minnis read a letter from Jose Luis Mesa requesting appointment, by the Council, of a member to serve on the South Miami-Dade Corridor Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This Committee will provide input to the study team for the South Miami-Dade Corridor (SMDC), Dadeland South Metrorail station and Florida City. The study will examine both mid-term and long-term transit improvements in the SMDC. Upon discussion, Vice Chair Wilcosky volunteered for this position. Chair Valdes requested a resolution be drafted appointing Vice Chair Wilcosky as a liaison for the study of the SMDC CAC. A motion was forwarded by Council Member Brodeur and seconded by Council Member Savola. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0. Council Member Savola requested that a presentation by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Secretariat be scheduled for the March 16, 2005 meeting.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Valdes mentioned that he met with Commissioner Gimenez, on January 19, 2005, to discuss several Council Member appointments pending before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) since Fall 2004. Due to the General Election and other reasons, action had not been taken. Commissioner Gimenez will be bringing those appointments to the BCC promptly. The Chair recommended that those seeking appointment or re-appointment contact the Commissioner as well.

## **GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES APPLICATION PRESENTATION FOR MONOPOLE INSTALLATION AT FIRE STATIONS #4 AND #9**

Carlos Heredia, of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, conducted a presentation on Request, 33-303 for proposed monopole installations. Harry Woodworth, Project Manager of Motorola, Martha Oliva and Felix Perez for ETSD, and members of MASTEC, participated in the presentation. The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) is requesting to proceed with a Governmental Facilities Hearing to construct a 150' monopole on the premises of MDRF Station #4 located at 9201 SW 152 Street, and Station #9 located at 7777 SW 117 Avenue. MDRF, along with ETSD and Motorola, has identified these locations as suitable parcels for construction of a 150' monopole. The current UHF radio system used by the MDRF first responders is over 28 years old and difficult to maintain.

In April 2003, the BCC approved a resolution for a new MDRF UHF radio system project, which will provide better coverage across Miami-Dade County and improve the in-building penetration capability. This will allow Firefighters and Paramedics to have a working radio that is able to communicate with the Dispatch Center in the majority of structures throughout the County. Motorola will provide the materials and will be the installers. The project is estimated at \$19.2 million dollars, which includes a complete radio system (28 sites) and 911 console replacements. As a result of the new UHF radio system design, additional monopoles are needed to be able to provide the desperately needed coverage and in-building penetration, life of fire-fighters and improve the County's Public Safety.

Chair Valdes requested that the Council pass a motion for a resolution recommending the approval of the Government Facilities Application presentation for monopole installation at fire stations #4 and #9 as presented. A motion was forwarded by Vice Chair Wilcosky and seconded by Council Member Herrera. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

## **OCEAN BANK TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

The Council requested a presentation with representatives of Ocean Bank to discuss a concern with the exit/entrance from the property unto Kendall Drive, that have derived from traffic concerns and to discuss methods to remedy the situation. Present at the meeting were Mr. Joe Pruna, Ocean Bank Branch Manager, Mr. Rene Fernandez, Vice President and Mr. Juan Mayol, Attorney representing Ocean Bank. At a previous meeting issues were brought forth by residents and were corrected. The left-turn signage was part of the plans brought forth to the Council when the original Ocean Bank plans were approved. The bank had proposed the use of entrances/exits on SW 110 Avenue and Kendall Drive. The exit on SW 110 Avenue would allow traffic to make a left-turn onto Kendall Drive with the traffic light. The residents expressed a desire to keep traffic on Kendall Drive. The bank created the entrance/exits to meet this request.

The bank was designed with a left-turn in/ left-turn out which serves both Ocean Bank and the Credit Union. When the bank applied for a FDOT permit, the left-turn in was approved, however, the plan for a left-turn out was not approved. Due to the Council's concern, a sign was placed prohibiting customers from making a left-turn going Westbound onto Kendall Drive. Bank representatives have agreed to place additional signs inside the branch office as well as the drive-thru area. Other suggestions would be more striping of the road and additional signs. Bank representatives will discuss the request with their design consultants to brainstorm other possible suggestions.

Council Member Herrera suggested that the median be reconfigured to a curved "pork chop" design to prevent traffic from making the left-turn. She believes that additional signs will not solve the issue. She suggested that the Credit Union officials be included in these discussions. The Credit Union will be adding second means of egress by way of a right-turn out to try to divert some of the traffic to the East. Council Member Savola suggested raising the existing ramp to prevent traffic causing damage to the vehicles. Ocean Bank representatives will present their solutions at the next Council meeting. The Credit Union will also present their recommended design.

## **RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SNAPPER CREEK PARK GENERAL PLAN**

In review of this resolution, the wording in the last paragraph was changed to meet public concerns. However, various members of the public present at the meeting suggested adding to the resolution language describing the park as a "passive use" park. This wording designates that the park cannot be used for organized sporting activities, etc. Presently, there are no signs stating the prohibited activities; therefore, no enforcement measures are readily available.

Council Member Herrera recommended adding specific wording to the last paragraph of the resolution stating "recommends adoption of the Snapper Creek Park General Plan as a passive park with no sports allowed." Council Member Brodner requested adding signs specifically stating those activities that are prohibited at the park. Additionally, Council Member Brodner recommended amending the resolution to include signage that would designate the park as a passive park in order to have proper enforcement by MDPD and Park Rangers. Chair Valdes requested that Parks and Recreation be contacted to obtain their legal wording on passive parks and the activities that are legally allowed. The revised resolution will be forwarded to Chair Valdes for his review.

Council Member Wilcosky proposed a motion to defer the resolution to the March 16, 2005 meeting until further research and proper wording are added. A motion was forwarded by Council Member Brodner and seconded by Council Member Herrera. The vote was 5-0.

## **COUNCIL POSITIONS OF CC12**

Chair and Vice-Chair positions were last elected in October 2003. The election was due on October-November 2004 non-zoning meeting. The election will be held at this meeting, the term is shortened by two months. The next election is scheduled for October 2005. Council Member Brodeur made a motion to re-elect Chair Valdes for the continuation of his term as Chair of Community Council 12. The motion was seconded by Council Member Herrera and passed by a vote of 5-0. Council Member Brodeur made a motion to nominate Council Member Herrera as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Chair Valdes and passed by a vote of 5-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bill Glockman, resident, asked if the widening of SW 97 Avenue has ever been discussed before the Council. Chair Valdes stated that this issue was brought forth to the Council by Public Works in 2004. SW 97 Avenue is being extended North and an overpass is being constructed to connect the 836 extension with Doral. Once this project was approved, the section of SW 97 Avenue from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Bird Road had been widened to two thru lanes and one continuous turn lane. In 2001, the County proposed the same plans from Bird Road to Sunset. The Council disapproved the plans. In 2005, the County will instead improve SW 97 Avenue between Bird Road and Sunset as continuous lanes, raise medians in the center, landscape in the center, and a left-turn light in the intersections. Mr. Glockman specified his inquiry was for the area of SW 97 Avenue between Killian and SW 152 Street that specific area. Council Member Wilcosky stated that there are no current plans by the County to widen the roads in the area.

Resident Barbara Cameron inquired about the process of changing the name Snapper Creek Park to Sunset Park Elementary School. There is a current park with the same name located at SW 97 Ave and Sunset Drive. Ms. Cameron has a petition signed by the neighbors in the surrounding area.

Council Member Savola brought forth a number of various concerns received from residents:

- Commissioner Sorenson has not conducted the Charette for Baptist Hospital Expansion as discussed in a past Council meeting. Council Member Wilcosky spoke to Commission Aide Carol Klingbeil about the Charette. The Commissioner brought the Charette before to the Board of County Commissioner, however, several Commissioners have opposed the Charette. Council Member Brodeur recommended contacting Commissioner Sorenson and requested a Town Hall meeting with the community.
- Neighbors are concerned about Team Metro Kendall Office Boundaries and have asked to divide the Team Metro Kendall Office into two separate offices e.g., East and West. Residents for the same boundary recommended having the Turnpike as the dividing line between both offices. Chair Valdes requested a representative from Team Metro at March 16, 2005 to discuss issues such as office geographical boundaries, staff resources and budget constraints compared to the Tamiami Office.
- A concern regarding a sound wall on 874 along Tropical Park. Council Member Brodeur stated that the Miami Dade Expressway have scheduled and recommended Council Member Savola attend. Team Metro will research information of the up-coming meeting and notify Council Member Savola. Council Member Herrera met with Commissioner Souto regarding the budget priority requesting funds for Indian Hammocks Park. The Board of County Commissioners created a committee to distribute the GOB funds, but they have not met yet. Council Member Herrera also spoke to Commission Aide Carol Klingbeil of Commissioner Sorenson's office regarding the budget priority requesting a traffic study of SW 112 Avenue. She received a scope of work for the projects from Public Works. However, the reply was for the wrong location. She is waiting their reply on the matter.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 16, 2005 MEETING**

The Council agreed on the following items for the March 16, 2005 meeting: (1) Presentation by the Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the South Miami-Dade Corridor Alternative Analysis Citizen's Advisory Committee; (2) Presentation by Ocean Bank representatives regarding traffic concerns; (3) Resolution endorsing the Snapper Creek Park General Plan (second viewing); (4) Team Metro office comparison report and presentation; and (4) Follow-up on the SW 112 Traffic Study.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary